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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

During the 2000-01 academic year, as Jorge Domínguez enjoys a well-deserved sabbatical, I am pleased to serve as Acting Director of the Weatherhead Center. In the roughly five years that I have been at Harvard and the Center, I have seen remarkable changes here, primarily due to the Weatherhead endowment, and my role as acting director has given me even more insight into the wealth of activities at the Center. I would like to share with you some observations about recent developments at the Center, including the major project that we have launched for the coming year concerning the Center's use of information technology.

### Report to the Weatherhead Foundation

In September, the Center reported to the Weatherhead Foundation about activities since the Weatherhead endowment was established in 1998. In our presentation to the Foundation, we noted that today the Weatherhead Center is Harvard's premier institution for research on international affairs: the Center reaches across all social science disciplines; the Center harnesses the work of faculty throughout the University; Center activities include undergradu-

ates, graduate students, and faculty; and the Center groups 235 associates, of whom 140 are in residence in our building, who work with other institutions within and outside Harvard and the United States.

The Weatherhead Center's many activities advance the Center's mission, first stated in 1958, "to help establish the standards of thought and discourse in the field of international relations." This is what we promised the Weatherhead Foundation in July 1997, and this is what we have accomplished.

Let me highlight some recent developments:

- The Center now has 100 faculty associates, from virtually all the schools of the University.

- In the past three years, semester-long faculty research leaves have been granted to professors in anthropology, economics, government, sociology, and the Kennedy School.

- Faculty research support has risen from \$271,000 in 1998 to \$550,000 last year.

- The Center has increased funding for undergraduate and graduate programs more than three-fold in the same period.

- This year the Center and its programs will sponsor over fifteen major conferences and 29 faculty-led seminar and study groups.

- The Weatherhead endowment has opened up new avenues for both the Fellows Program and the Harvard Academy. The Fellows Program can now reach out to

participants from previously under-represented countries, and the Harvard Academy has expanded by over 20 percent.

- The first Weatherhead Initiative award was made last year. The Initiative supports innovative faculty research across disciplines. The Center's first project, "Military Conflict as a Public Health Problem," is directed by professors Gary King (Government) and Christopher Murray (Public Health). They bring together public health specialists, statisticians and political scientists to examine war in new ways.

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In Oslo, on October 13, the Norwegian Nobel

Committee selected President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea to be the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize for 2000. The committee cited President Kim's work "for democracy and human rights in South Korea and in East Asia in general, and for peace and reconciliation with North Korea in particular." Kim Dae Jung was a Fellow of the Center for International Affairs in 1983-84. Neither frequent threats to his life nor long periods of exile from his country deterred Kim Dae Jung from his decades-long role as South Korea's leading advocate for democracy. His emergence in electoral politics and his election to the presidency in 1997 consolidated South Korea's young democratic traditions. As president, Kim Dae Jung has continued to strengthen democratic government and internal reconciliation in South Korea, he has been a leading defender of universal human rights in East Asia, and, through his "sunshine policy," he has led his nation in an effort to overcome more than 50 years of war and hostility on the Korean Peninsula. The Weatherhead Center welcomes the international recognition that Kim Dae Jung has received for his inspiring and tireless work for peace, and we congratulate him.



## Program News

### STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Weatherhead Center has made special efforts in recent years to increase support for student programs. One of the Center's initiatives offers grants to Harvard student groups for organizing projects that address their interests in international affairs. These grants can be used to support student-run conferences, a speaker series, study groups, special seminars, or other student-proposed ideas related to international affairs and directly benefiting the Harvard undergraduate community.

This fall, the Center awarded a grant to IMPACT, an undergraduate group that seeks to raise awareness about grassroots issues and relief programs in developing countries. The Weatherhead Center grant will support IMPACT's annual holiday card sale, which educates students about issues and raises funds that go directly to grassroots projects. Last year, IMPACT raised \$5,500, and this year it aims to raise \$9,000 for grassroots projects in developing countries.

The Center also has given a grant to the Hunger Action Committee, an undergraduate organization that seeks to educate students about global hunger issues. The Weatherhead Center grant will help send Harvard students to Washington, D.C. to attend discussions facilitated by the Congressional Hunger Center with policy makers about international hunger issues. The students plan to meet with Represen-

tatives Frank Wolf, Tony Hall, and others. Hunger Action Committee's goals are to educate students about bills currently being considered in Congress on policy issues on international hunger.

### CANADA PROGRAM

The Fall 2000 Canada Seminar kicked off on September 13 with the Honorable Herb Gray, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada. Gray maintained that strong cultural differences between the U.S. and Canada help support Canada's political integrity.

On October 19 Phil Fontaine, former National Grand Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, spoke of the grievances of the aboriginal peoples in Canada. The Assembly of First Nations may have moved toward greater militancy by electing Mathew Coon-Come as Grand Chief, but Fontaine, Coon-Come's predecessor, argues that moderation and negotiation is still the strategy most likely to produce gains toward native self-government.

Jeffrey Simpson, columnist and author, on October 23 addressed a new study of recent Canadian migration to the U.S. that suggests that social and cultural integration of the two countries may be increasing.

On November 1 Ken Georgetti, the new president of the Canadian Labour Congress, articulated a new set of objectives for Canadian labour in an era of increased global trade. He suggested that the appeal of these new objectives among Canadian workers is supported by the fact that union membership in Canada is now increasing more rapidly than overall job creation.

The November 13 seminar featured the Hon. Paul Okalik, premier of Nunavut, the recently established territory. Nunavut was created after long negotiations as a step toward Inuit self-government.

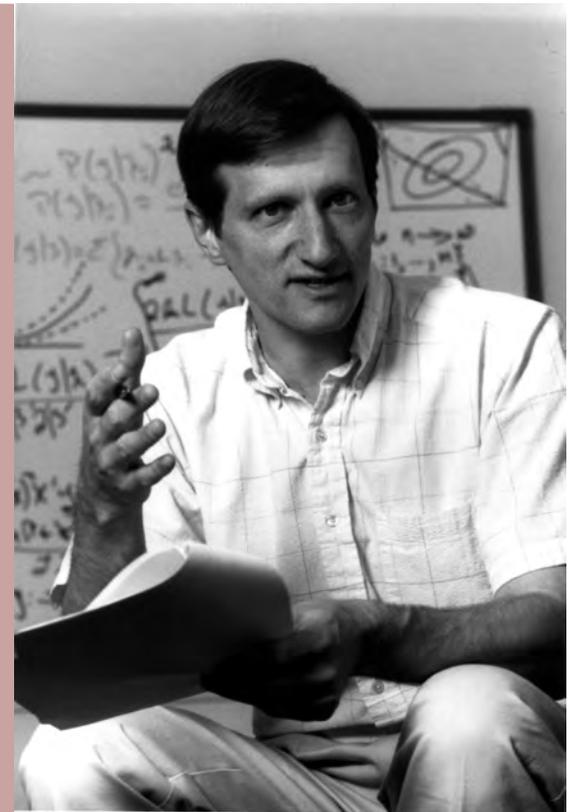


Recent arrivals to the Weatherhead Center, Fellows Sebastian Wood and James Chang, listen to Executive Director Jim Cooney at September's Orientation.

Last March, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs awarded the first Weatherhead Initiative in International Affairs faculty grant to Harvard professors Gary King of the Department of Government and Chris Murray of the School of Public Health. Their project, "Military Conflict as a Public Health Problem," is being launched in the 2000-2001 academic year. The Weatherhead Initiative is a major new research program for faculty members working on international and comparative issues in any of the Harvard faculties and professional schools. Up to \$250,000 is available annually to support one major university-wide proposal.

The goal of the Gary King-Chris Murray project is to convince the public health, international relations, and statistical methodology communities of the benefits of treating military conflict as a public health problem. Some work on this problem has occurred in all three fields, but with few exceptions the fields have operated in isolation. Studies of war have typically focused on the political decision to go to war. Studying war as a public health problem will lead political scientists and security studies researchers to ask new questions about military conflict, to look at the world differently, and to define and explain different dependent variables. The decision to go to war is an important political behavior, but from a public health perspective, the ultimate dependent variable is not war but human misery.

*The first Weatherhead Initiative grant was awarded to professors Gary King (pictured here) and Chris Murray for their project "Military Conflict as a Public Health Problem."*



## NEW BOOKS

Presenting recent publications by Weatherhead Center affiliates.

### **Culture Matters: How Values Shape Human Progress**

*Lawrence Harrison & Samuel P. Huntington, eds.*

The world at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is still divided between the few who are rich and the many who are poor, between the free and the oppressed. Traditional explanations like imperialism, dependency and racism are no longer adequate, and increasingly observers are concluding that the principal reason why some countries and ethnic groups are better off than others lies in cultural values that powerfully shape political, economic and social performance.

*Basic Books, 2000*

Lawrence Harrison is an affiliate of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies at the Weatherhead Center. Samuel P. Huntington is Albert J. Weatherhead III University Professor, chairman of the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, and a former director of the Center for International Affairs.

### **Policy Reform in American Agriculture: Analysis and Prognosis**

*David Orden, Robert Paarlberg & Terry Roe*

This book assesses the performance of traditional farm programs, presents arguments for their liberalization or elimination, and examines the political reasons why reform has made little headway.

*University of Chicago Press, 1999*

Robert Paarlberg is a professor of political science at Wellesley College and an associate of the Weatherhead Center.

### **Modern Political Economy and Latin America: Theory and Policy**

*Jeffrey Frieden, Manuel Pastor Jr. & Michael Tomz*

*Modern Political Economy and Latin America* consists of 35 carefully selected readings about the relationship between politics and economics in Latin America.

*Westview Press, 2000*

Jeffrey Frieden is Stanfield Professor of International Peace at Harvard University and acting director of the Weatherhead Center. Michael Tomz is an assistant professor of political

science at Stanford University and a former graduate student associate (1996-2000) of the Weatherhead Center.

### **The Future of Inter-American Relations**

*Jorge I. Domínguez, ed.*

*The Future of Inter-American Relations* brings together experts from Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States to explore transnational aspects of crime, migration, trade, security, democracy, and international financial institutions in the Americas.

*Routledge, 2000*

Jorge I. Domínguez is Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs and Harvard College Professor at Harvard University and director of the Weatherhead Center.

### **Democratic Commitments: Legislatures and International Cooperation**

*Lisa L. Martin*

Lisa Martin argues that legislatures serve foreign policy well by giving credibility to the international commitments that countries

make. She concludes that even rancorous domestic conversations between executives and legislatures augment rather than impede states' international dealings.

*Princeton University Press, 2000*

Lisa L. Martin is a professor of government at Harvard University, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Weatherhead Center.

### **Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community**

*Robert D. Putnam*

Robert Putnam shows that social capital and civic engagement, or their lack, measurably affect public health, economic prosperity and social justice in America.

*Simon & Schuster, 2000*

Robert D. Putnam is the Peter and Isabel Malkin Professor of Public Policy, Harvard University, a member of the Weatherhead Center Executive Committee, and a former director of the Center for International Affairs.



All events are by invitation only. If you would like more information about an event, please contact the executive director's office at 617-496-3218.

*December 8 - 9, 2000*

### **Mexico's National Elections**

Chair: Jorge I. Domínguez

This conference will serve as a follow-up to panel surveys being conducted on voter influences and behavior in connection with the national elections in Mexico that took place in July 2000. A highly competitive pre-election political environment resulted in the freest and most competitive election in Mexico's history. At issue was whether the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), the longest-ruling political party in the world, could maintain control. The immediate goal of this project is to enhance knowledge of voting behavior and campaign effects in Mexico through a combination of cross-sectional and panel surveys. The larger goal is to illuminate the impact of campaigns on electoral outcomes in contexts of weak partisan attachments, high uncertainty, and high stakes, and to understand campaign effects in the circumstances confronting most emerging democracies.

*February 8 - 10, 2001*

### **Public Institutions in India: Performance and Design**

Chairs: Devesh Kapur and Pratap Mehta

This project will draw on the insights of the "new" institutional economics and those of historical institutionalism to assess analytically the design, performance, and adaptability of the principal institutions of governance in India.

*March 23 - 25, 2001*

### **Laboratory in Comparative Ethnic Processes**

Chairs: Robert Bates and Kanchan Chandra

This is a meeting of a research group that includes scholars from institutions such as Stanford University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of California, and Duke University. The group has the objectives of improving understanding of the causes and consequences of ethnic mobilizations and conflict, focusing on methodological issues facing students of ethnicity, producing individual studies of ethnic politics and a major volume addressing substantive and methodological issues, and drawing graduate students toward this field of research.

*April 26 - 28, 2001*

### **Biotechnology and Global Governance**

Chair: Sheila Jasanoff

This conference will convene a group of international experts from the fields of science, government, business, consumer and environmental groups, and academic social sciences in an attempt to delineate the most problematic aspects of biotechnology governance and point the way toward possible institutional solutions.

*May 11-12, 2001*

### **Religion, Ethnicity and Conflict: Facts, Norms and Policy**

Chairs: J. Bryan Hehir and David Little

Professors Hehir and Little will convene analysts of international politics and foreign policy, analysts of the role of religion in society, and students of specific religious traditions. These scholars will discuss the pattern, frequency, and nature of intra-state and inter-state conflict from the perspective of religion in society and religion and ethnicity as sources of such conflict.

*May 2001*

### **Graduate Student Conference**

Organized by the Weatherhead Center's graduate student associates, this one-day conference is an opportunity for the associates to present their work in progress. Faculty discussants will provide commentary. Two or three panels will include up to twelve graduate students. The conference aims to bring together the work of a multidisciplinary group of Harvard Ph.D. candidates whose fields include anthropology, economics, government, history, history and East Asian languages, law, Middle Eastern studies, public policy, and sociology. All Weatherhead Center faculty, Fellows, visiting scholars and undergraduates are invited to attend the conference. The theme for the 2001 conference is still to be determined.

# Staff News

Spring 2001

## Canada Conference

Chair: Jeffrey Reitz, Mackenzie King Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies

In 2001, the Canada Program will sponsor one conference on sociological topics related to contemporary Canada. These topics include trends in employment, labor relations, social inequality, education, culture, the welfare state, immigration, and multiculturalism. The conference will consider differences between Canada and other countries, and the implications for social theory and for policymaking. A specific topic and a date are still to be determined.

June 22-24, 2001

## Comparative Perspectives on Civic Society

Chair: Susan Pharr

The Weatherhead Center's annual conference in Talloires, France, rotates themes among issues relating to security, political economy, and domestic political questions. The 2000 conference dealt with security, focusing especially on the prevention or termination of war. The topic for the 2001 Talloires conference will be civil society, emerging federalism, and the new role for non-government organizations. Susan Pharr and other faculty are developing the agenda, and Robert Putnam will be a keynote speaker. Participants include Harvard faculty, international faculty, practitioners, and former Weatherhead Center Fellows.

June 22 - 24, 2001

## Annual Conference of the John M. Olin Institute for Strategic Studies

Chair: Stephen P. Rosen

This conference on strategy and national security issues will bring together experts on national security from academia, the private sector, and government to discuss ongoing research and critical policy issues concerning challenges to U.S. national security.

**Helen Clayton** joined the Center in May as the staff assistant to professors Richard Cooper and Jeffrey Reitz and the Canada Program. Helen replaced Beth Hastie who has taken a full-time position at the Boston Living Center, a non-profit community and resource center dedicated to serving all people infected with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS.

**David Atkinson** joined the Center in August as the staff assistant to the executive director. David replaced Angela Abbatiello who moved to the San Francisco area to study landscape architecture.

**Kathleen Hoover** became the staff assistant to the director in July. Kathleen replaced **Amanda Pearson** who became our manager of publications.

**Andrew Sexton** joined the Center in June as the staff assistant to conferences, publications, and student programs. Andrew replaced Jessica Buskirk who is pursuing a Ph.D. in art history at the University of California, Berkeley.

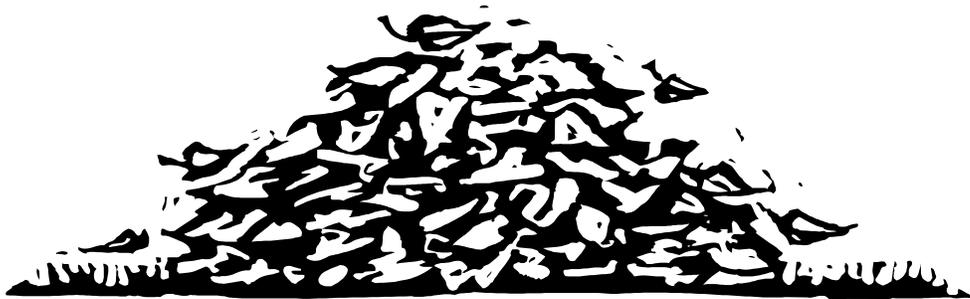
**Ken Marden** moved from his position in the US-Japan Program in July to become staff assistant for information technology, as well as assistant to professors Frieden, Johnston and Martin. Ken replaced Matt Johnson who is pursuing a Ph.D. in history at the University of California, San Diego.

**Chris Perry** became our network and systems administrator in May. Chris replaced Yi Wang who will continue to work in information technology at an Internet start-up.

**Susan Leary** became the program coordinator in the Fellows Program in August. Susan replaced Tricia Hughes who is pursuing a Ph.D. in theology and counseling psychology at Boston University.

**Andrew Dusenbery** replaced Ken Marden as the staff assistant to the US-Japan Program, and was promoted to program coordinator in September. Andrew replaced Jana Van der Veer, who has become the program advisor to Lesley College's Inter-cultural Relations Program.

**Jeffrey Newmark** became Susan Pharr's assistant in August. Jeff replaced Emer O'Dwyer, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in history and East Asian languages at Harvard.



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From the Director...

### A New Emphasis on Information Technology

One of my priorities for the Center this year is to improve our use of information technology. In the past two years, the Center has made major investments in new staff positions and in new hardware. This year, we will substantially expand our level of service and begin to incorporate information technologies into more aspects of the Center's activities.

I have designated four areas of particular emphasis:

- The most efficient possible use of our software resources and site licenses. The Center owns or has access to an impressive amount of software, but we will do a better job of making these resources readily available to our associates.

- The routine use of electronic media for the organization and management of our impressive array of conferences and seminars. This will allow conference and seminar materials to reach a broader audience more quickly and effectively. By next year the Center will organize its seminars and conferences exclusively by electronic means.

- A more integral use of IT in all Center activities requires a higher level of user support and involvement. We have accordingly organized a "user support group" that will manage IT responsibilities directly in each of the Center's program areas.

- A more accessible, user-friendly, and informative Web site. We will hire a professional Web manager, engage a Web page designer for our homepage, continue to involve the Center's library directly in the content provided by the Web, and orient the programs and seminars more actively to the provision of Web content.

This academic year promises to be a busy one. Fortunately, the Center's previously anticipated move to temporary quarters while our new buildings are constructed will not take place this year. That allows us to focus more on the broad range of activities listed above. One of the pleasures of my first few months as acting director is the opportunity to experience the very high level of professionalism and commitment of the Center's excellent staff. I look forward to continuing to work together to maintain the high quality of the Center's activities.

*Jeffry Frieden*  
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